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IN THE SUPREME COURT

STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of

**PETITION TO AMEND RULE 74 OF
THE ARIZONA RULES OF FAMILY
LAW PROCEDURE**

Supreme Court Number R-15-0006

**COMMENT TO PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO RULE 74,
ARFLP, CONCERNING
PARENTING COORDINATION**

The undersigned, an attorney in private practice and parenting coordinator in Maricopa County, Arizona, submits the following comment regarding the Amended Petition filed May 20, 2015 in this matter.

The Committee's revisions to Rule 74 are excellent. The changes to Rule 74 provide more clarity for the parties entering into a stipulation for appointment of a parenting coordinator and will serve the public well. The only comment I have is for the transition period which will start January 1, 2016 which is the effective date of the new Rule. There will be existing parenting coordinator appointments already in effect as of that date (having been appointed somewhere between January and December 2015). I am asking that some clarification be added to provide that parenting coordinator appointments that are in existence as of January 1, 2016 continue under existing Rule 74

until that appointment expires, and a provision continuing the current version of Rule 74 in effective for existing parenting coordination cases until those appointments expire.

This is a simple fix, which could be added to the last section, “Effective Date” as follows (addition in CAPS):

Effective date. This rule applies to any appointment or reappointment of a parenting coordinator that occurs on or after the effective date of the 2016 amendment of the rule. ALL PARENTING COORDINATION APPOINTMENTS MADE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2016 CONTINUE TO BE GOVERNED BY THE PRIOR VERSION OF RULE 74 FOR THE REMAINING TERM OF THAT APPOINTMENT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 8th day of June, 2015.

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